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In response to the Advisory Action mailed February 5, 2007, Applicants are enclosing a conformed copy of previously submitted Amendment E under Rule 116.

The Examiner's comments in the Advisory Action respecting claims 12 and 13 as missing central components is not understood. Amended claims 12 and 13 specifically make reference to the spherical aberration compensator for compensating for spherical aberration caused by the thickness error of the transparent substrate.

Entry of the previously un-entered Amendment E under Rule 116, and early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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